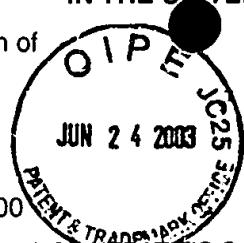


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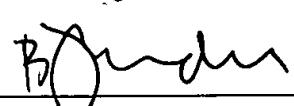
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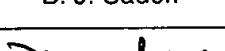
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 24, 2003, entry and consideration
of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response
having been extended up to and including June 24, 2003, by submission of the requisite
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

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